

## THE EXTRA SESSION

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There is No Probability of Agreement on Currency Legislation, and Nothing is to Be Gained by Forcing Action on the Cuban Treaty.

The necessity for an extra session seems to be disappearing. It was some weeks ago that the silent had determined upon Nov. as the date on which Congress would assemble in extraordinary session to consider currency legislation and the consummation of the Cuban reciprocity treaty. Since then reports have been current of an intention to move a date early in October. There is a gratifying reason to anticipate that the earlier date will not be the one selected. Members of both Houses of Congress are as a rule strongly averse to assembling in extra session at all, much less at a date when state and local politics require attention. In many of the state legislatures are to be elected which are to choose United States senators. In all of the states elections of one sort or another are to be held. Hence the strong objection to an October session.

It is understood that a large majority of senators and representatives are also opposed to an extra session in November. They argue that inasmuch as Congress is able to assemble the first week in December for the regular session, they should not be called to Washington in November unless some pressing emergency exists which requires prompt action. They can perceive no such emergency. They know of no legislation which could not be as well or better attended to at the regular session which begins early in December. Currency legislation, they maintain, presents no such urgency, and the Cuban question

contains any reference to tariff revision it will be about as follows: "We favor lowering the tariff on such articles as may be deemed unimportant to protection and raising the schedule on such other articles as need further support." This vague and delightfully indefinite declaration would be broad enough to permit the gathering of all sorts of tariff Republicans. All could equally "enthusiase" and after the victory indulge in an exciting family fight over the interpretation of the ambiguous plank. Let us lose no sleep, however, in contemplating the possibility of the Republican party adopting a tariff revision plank menacing to the present schedule of rates.—Terre Haute Tribune.

### A Peculiar Proposition.

"There never was and there never will be a soup house during a Republican administration," says the Vinton Eagle. "Can we not afford even soup?"—Oelwein Record (Dem.).

Under the McKinley and Roosevelt administrations the Record has enjoyed the largest measure of prosperity in its history. Its columns are filled to overflowing with advertising, its subscription list has never been so fat, and doubtless the output of its job department has been correspondingly augmented. Yet, strangely enough, in the face of conclusive evidence right at home of the prevalence of prosperity, it sneers at a condition the actuality of which it is too sensible to attempt to deny. The average Democratic newspaper these days is a peculiar proposition.—Manchester (la.) Press.

### Best Tariff for Revenue.

The customs receipts during the last fiscal year amounted to \$283,891,719. Their magnitude suggests that the best tariff for revenue is a protective tariff and not a tariff for revenue only. Whenever the free traders have attempted to frame a tariff on the latter lines it has invariably re-

# RELIGIOUS COMMENT

**Suspicion.**  
Take them, O Death! and bear away.  
Whatever thou canst call thine own.  
Thine image, stamped upon this clay,  
Both give thee that, but that alone.

Take them, O Grave! and let them lie  
Faded upon thy narrow shelves,  
As garments by the soul laid by,  
And precious only to ourselves!

Take them, O great Eternity!  
Our little life is but a guest,  
That bends the branches of the tree,  
And trails its blossoms in the dust.  
—Henry W. Longfellow.

## Quiet Hour

**God With Us.**  
Emmanuel—God with us. Matthew 1.

The secret of joy and peace lies in the fact that we all believe in a present and not an absent God.

It is this which brings comfort to our hearts, which gives us security in the promise of eternal redemption and places before us the loving side of "our Father's" character.

By virtue of this declaration we can more fully realize God with and within the souls of men. Not with us merely in loving mercy, or care, or providence, or protection, but with us as one of us. The delight in thinking of what has been done for us in the ages past, for "even from everlasting to everlasting thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations," is enhanced by the thought of what God is now doing—that he still lives and rules and dwells among men, bringing all things to pass for the uplifting of his children to himself.

The thought of "Emmanuel" ought to make us brave. The abiding presence of God should give us courage, faith and hope—for if "God be for us," and with us, "who can be against us?" No temptation need be too strong to be conquered, no difficulty need be too hard to be surmounted, no sorrow need cause us to bury our hearts and lives in the graves of our loved ones, for it will eventually be with us as with them. "From grief and groan, with a golden crown, close by the throne of God." God in us will graduate our strength for every experience of life through which we shall pass, and omnipotent power will be under every care and burden. Thus we may bravely go into life's work as warriors to battle. Our Father, having taken our cause to his heart, ought to bring a similar action from us in his behalf. For there is a great battle on between righteousness and unrighteousness. The trumpet which musters the warriors soundeth loud and long, and the fight will be stern and desperate between truth and sin. We must take our post, every one, on one side or the other, for "If the Lord be for us, then follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." No touch or thought of compromise; no division of the living child, as in the days of Solomon, by a wicked woman; no acceptance of a particle of error, for "if God be for us, who can be against us?" Thus be brave in the word, "Emmanuel—God be with us."

**Trade Statistics.**  
English papers, to prove that Great Britain is not retrograding under free trade, assert that the aggregate foreign trade of their country is \$155 per capita, while that of the United States is only \$45 per capita. Hence Great Britain is three or more times as prosperous as the United States.

Let us look at one item in the proposition. We are, in round figures, buying \$100,000,000 worth of foreign sugar year by year and, equally, exporting a like value with which to pay for the sugar. Sugar adds to our statistical evidence of prosperity \$200,000,000, or \$2.50 per capita per annum. If we made all of our sugar and paid our own farmers \$100,000,000 for it, we would by this standard of prosperity all lose \$2.50 per year!

**The Democratic Position.**  
Whatever the Democrats of Iowa stand for as to the Tariff is represented in the demand for "a tariff for revenue only." What they allege with reference to trust made goods is no more than appeal to prejudice. What they are after is to get rid of protective duties altogether. The Democratic position is that the way to correct abuses is to destroy business. That is not the Republican position. The distinction is easily marked.—Sioux City Journal.

### No Change.

The Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser says the nomination of Mr. Cleveland, or one of his kind, would be due to the returning sanity of the Southern Democracy, after an aberration of seven years. As most of the Southern States vote the Democratic ticket without question, any change in political sanity, one way or the other, in that section is imperceptible.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### Fairness.

The Sioux City Journal, which clips every mean thing that any editor writes about Bob Cousins' speech, has never printed the speech in full and probably never will. Yet Uncle George will lecture before the next editorial association on "Fairness in Journalism."—Des Moines Capital.

bears nothing of the councils that determine the course of the great battle he is in, hears plainly enough the word of command, which he must himself obey. It is hard—the hardest thing of all perhaps—to flesh and blood. But carry that difficulty to the Savior, along with all your other sins and weakness, and ask him to pour into you a spirit of submission. He enters into your struggles; he has drunk the cup of our sufferings to the dregs; he knows the hard wrestling it costs us to say, "Not my will, but thine be done."—General Gordon.

### Thoughtful Kindness.

The happiness of life depends far more on little things than on great, and it is a real tragedy that men and women who would gladly die for their own people, will not consult their humble preferences. You do not wish anybody to die for you. You do not wish anybody to make sacrifices for you. You do not like to use the tone of command in anything. Far better go without. But there are some small conveniences on which much of your peace depends, and you are unspeakably thankful to those who will help you to them. To do so would cost them practically nothing. A little attention, a little care would do everything.

There is much kindness in the world but there is very little thoughtful kindness, and for want of that life is vexed and marred. It is for want of lingering, ineffaceable regrets. It is because of that we have so often to say of the dead and say it with a very sore heart—

"You wanted little from us, and we gave less than little now, we sadly think."

### Heartkeeping.

Heartkeeping is very much like housekeeping. There must be a continual sweeping out of dirt and clearing out of rubbish, a daily washing of dishes, and a perpetual battle with all sorts of vermin. If heart-cleaning could be done up once for all, then the Christian might discharge all his graces, and have an easy time of it. And just because the assaults of subtle temptations are so constant, and the uprisings of sinful passions are so frequent, and the task of keeping the inward man what it ought to be is so difficult, many a one who begins a religious life gets discouraged and makes a wretched failure. The question with every Christian is: Shall these accursed Amalekites of temptation burn up all my spiritual possessions, and overrun my soul? Shall outward assaults or inward weakness drive me to discouragement and disgrace me before my Master and before the world? Or shall they drive me to Jesus Christ, who will give me the victory?—Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.

### Character.

There is more cause for joy than for complaint in the hard and disagreeable circumstances of life. Browning said, "I count life just a stuff to try the soul's strength on." Spell the word "discipline" with a final "g"—"discipling." We are here to learn Time's lesson for Eternity's business. What does it signify if the circumstances about us are not of our choice, if by them we can be trained, learning the lessons of patience, fortitude, perseverance, self-denying service, acquiescence with God's will, and the hearty doing of it. Circumstances do not make character. The noblest character can emerge from the worst surroundings, and moral failures come out of the best. Just where you are, take the things of life as tools, and use them for God's glory; so you will help the kingdom come, and the Master will use the things of life in cutting and polishing you so that there shall some day be seen in you a soul conformed to his likeness.—Maltbie B. Babcock, D. D.

### By His Grace.

Let our temper be under the rule of the love of Jesus. He can not alone curb it—he can make us gentle and patient. Let the vow that not an unkind word of others shall ever be heard from our lips, be laid trustfully at his feet. Let the gentleness that refuses to take offense, that is always ready to excuse, to think and hope the best, mark our intercourse with all. Let our life be one of self-sacrifice, always studying the welfare of others, finding our highest joy in blessing others. And let us, in studying the divine art of doing good, yield as obedient learners to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. By his grace the most commonplace life can be transfigured with the brightness of a heavenly beauty, as the infinite love of a divine nature shines out through our frail humanity.—Andrew Murray.

### A Good World.

I find no words of querulous dissatisfaction upon Jesus' lips about the world he had come to. It was a good enough world to live, a good life in—no doubt with pain, no doubt with violent collisions but yet with no impossibilities. There was nothing in it which the good man might not use for good. And always man was not to be improved by being put into a better world, the world was to be renewed by the occupation of a renewed and holy manhood.

## Missouri Notes

"Goose bottom" is one of the purloins of Jefferson City, and not of Webb City.

It is a remarkably still day when the Cole County Democrat falls to sound "a clarion note."

If a Missouri politician has puckered lips these days he need not be suspected of the "alum taste." The frosts have not been hard enough to fully ripen the persimmons.

And why, since it has been learned that the oldest church in St. Louis was paid for with the hides of deer, do not the free silver advocates go one step further back and demand for currency "the deer skins of our great granddaddies?"

The good little boy of Carthage who "sneaked" into the fair grounds and then hunted up the proprietor and paid him a dollar probably never played marbles for keeps, or robbed a watermelon patch, or played "hooky," or did anything else to commend him to the favorable notice of Prof. Starr of the University of Chicago.

Any "tough" Missouri kid could tell musicians of the Chicago union how to keep the non-union bands from playing. He would tell them to set a boy to sucking a lemon in sight of the players. It wouldn't affect the drummers, but the men who blow the horns couldn't control their lips, and it would be "all off" with the music.

A country correspondent writes that "at the time of mauling it was impossible to learn whether the chicken hawk that was seen sailing over Mrs. Hager's henhouse this morning had captured one of her fine pullets." Here is a chance for a thrilling serial on "The Chase of the Chicken Hawk; or, the Rooster's Revenge."

The story that comes from Connecticut of a farmer who found a gold finger ring around one of his cornstalks is a Yankee trick, of course. But it won't work. Missouri has a corn crop this year that would be worth more than the yield of all the New England states combined if every stalk had a gold bracelet and every ear a diamond pendant.

The only objection urged so far to the plan to exhibit at the World's fair paintings of all the governors of Missouri is that it will serve as a reminder that Lon V. Stephens was once chief executive of the state.

However, if Governor Dockery should permit his old fashioned hat to follow his whiskers into "the gloom of things that were" there would be lost to Missouri that venerable joke about "a top piece of the vantage of '76."

The Confederate veterans at Columbia refused to advocate a change in the words of the old song, "Dixie," averring that they were used to the jingling refrain, and that to disturb it would be sacrilege. Whatever fault may be found with "Dixie," its words are certainly as intelligible as those of "Yankee Doodle."

The nomenclature of Missouri towns and streams and localities would indicate from their spelling a very cosmopolitan population, but their pronunciation discloses a homogeneity of people using one language, and that very much "United States." These are instances: Milan (Meyelan), New Madrid (New Madrid), St. Francois (Saint Francis), Bois Brule (Bab Rooley), Cote Sans Dessein (Coat Sander-son).

The controversy over the appointment of Lewis L. Williams, brother of Judge W. M. Williams and Walter Williams, to be commissioner for Alaska to the World's fair recalls the statement of a returned Klondiker that before the great rush to the Northern gold fields in 1897 more of the pioneers of Alaska came from Missouri than from any other state in the union, not excepting the comparatively nearby states of the Pacific coast. "When it comes to a concerted movement of tenderfoot," said that prospector, "Missourians take a back seat, but from the days of Joe Bowers, and even earlier, the man from Missouri has been most in evidence where there have been new fields for endeavor and new hardships to overcome."

Macon county has set the pace for rural free mail delivery. One of its carriers makes his rounds in an automobile.

Walter Williams of the Columbia Herald is popular with the Missouri editors as a possible candidate for lieutenant governor. Mr. Williams would afford a marked contrast, physically, intellectually and morally, to the late Lieutenant Governor John A. Lee, and would be certain to be acceptable to Governor Folk.

The hospitality of the Missouri farmers was illustrated once by a quaint character who lived in the central part of the state, and who explained why he was always a welcome visitor with the country folk. "I goes out amongst 'em," he said, "and I eats a heap of their meat and a heap of their bread, and they loves me."

The Fulton Gazette prints a story of the capture of a "boodle bug" in Callaway county, across the river from the state capitol, which reads as though its clever author had imagined somewhat freely of "bug juice."

Now that pumpkins are ripe, the farmers' wives may exemplify their preference for "open-faced" pies.

The largest tomato placed on exhibition this year in Missouri weighed two and one-fourth pounds. Since the frosts have already withered the vines it is probable that no other specimens of the fruit will ketchup.

**American Medical Students.**  
The number of medical students in the United States for the last college year was 27,615. Of this number 24,930 were at the regular schools; 1,498 at the homeopathic, 848 at the eclectic, and 339 at the physio-medical and nondescript schools. Germany with more than two-thirds the population of the United States, has less than a third as many students of medicine.

### Valuable Book.

The most valuable book ever published by a private citizen was probably the catalogue of the Waiters collection of pictures and ceramics in Baltimore. Only one hundred copies were published, which were presented to the great libraries and museums of the world. This small edition cost more than \$100,000.

### Serves Long as Lawyer.

Ex-Congressman E. B. Taylor of Warren, O., who succeeded James A. Garfield as representative of the old Nineteenth district in congress on the advance of the latter to the presidency, has just completed the fifty-eighth year of his practice of law. It is said that no other lawyer in Ohio is able to show so many years of activity in the profession.

### British Guiana.

British Guiana is said to be the most cosmopolitan of British colonies, the population consisting of an admixture of Dutch, French, British and American colonists, East Indian coolies, Chinese, Spaniards, Portuguese, Germans, Scandinavians and the aborigines of the country.

### Deafness Cannot be Cured.

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When the tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hare's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.  
Sold by Druggists.  
Main's Family Pills are the best.

We are naturally prejudiced against any person who gets up early in the morning, and then goes around looking as if he had outdone the lark.

### All Up to Date Housekeepers

use Defiance Cold Water Starch, because it is better, and 4 oz. more of it for same money.

Religion has its bluffs: There is that one of being willing to wait till the next world for reward for being good.

### Defiance Starch

should be in every household, none so good, besides 4 oz. more for 10 cents than any other brand of cold water starch.

Roasting ears have become so tough that a man no longer has such a good time in eating them that he forgets how he looks.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.  
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 30c a bottle.

The "Artistic Temperament" is a phrase applied to women; the same kind of a man is described as "bug house."

### Joke on Railway Company.

In an advertisement by a railway company of some uncalled for goods the letter "I" had dropped from the word "lawful" and it read: "People to whom the packages are directed are requested to come forward and pay the awful charges on the same."

### Monsoon Stations.

Monsoon stations are to be established in India for the purpose of taking observations by means of kites and kite balloons. The first station will be in the Himalayas, at Simla, 7,000 feet above the level of the sea.

### Millionaires Scarce in France.

Not more than 2,500 persons in Paris have a capital of as much as \$200,000, and nearly one-third of those are foreigners.

### Chicago's Trade.

Chicago's building permits for 1903 aggregated \$48,000,000, and its wholesale trade was \$173,000,000.

### Few Hold Degrees.

Only one medical student in twelve holds a degree in arts.

### "I Found It So."

McCormick, Ill., Sept. 28.—Miss Ethel Bradshaw of this place has written a letter, which is remarkable for the character of the statements it contains. As her letter will be read with interest, and probably with profit by many women, it has been thought advisable to publish it in part. Among other things Miss Bradshaw says:—

"I had Kidney Trouble with the various unpleasant symptoms which always come with that disease, and I have found a cure. I would strongly advise all who may be suffering with any form of Kidney Complaint to use Dodd's Kidney Pills, a remedy which I have found to be entirely satisfactory."

"This remedy is within the reach of all, and it is all that is recommended to be. I found it so, and therefore feel it my duty to tell others about it."

Dr. Dunaway of Benton, Ill., uses Dodd's Kidney Pills in his regular practice, and says they are the best medicine for Kidney Troubles. He claims they will cure Diabetes in the last stages.

Some men imagine they are the whole orchestra because they have drums in their ears.



involves no exigency justifying the unusual and hazardous proceeding of an extra session. So marked is the difference of opinion as to the proper measure for imparting elasticity to the currency that there is no prospect of an agreement, and hence no prospect that final action could be had on a currency bill prior to the time for the regular session. As to the Cuban treaty, if American growers of sugar and tobacco are to be robbed of the protection guaranteed to them in the Dingley tariff and solemnly pledged to them in the national Republican platform, they can be as effectively robbed in December or January as in October or November.

Extra sessions of Congress are serious things. All Presidents heretofore have resorted to them with great reluctance. Even in the presence of so grave a condition as that which existed in the early part of 1897, when hundreds of millions worth of foreign goods were being hurried to this country in anticipation of the higher duties certain to be imposed by the Republican party; and when all labor and industry clamored for a speedy restoration of adequate protection, even under these circumstances President McKinley was loath to call an extra session, and only consented to do so as the result of strong pressure and strenuous urgency on the part of the business interests. If President McKinley was reluctant to break precedents and summon Congress into extraordinary session to pass the Dingley tariff in 1897, how much more reluctant should President Roosevelt be to take a step so fraught with risks on the eve of a great Presidential election!

Currency legislation being practically impossible because of the failure of those leading in the movement to agree upon any plan, an extra session either in October or in November need not and should not be called on account of the currency. As to the Cuban question, if there is to be a fight over it inside the Republican party in Congress, surely there should be no precipitate haste in bringing on that fight. Let us have peace as long as we can.

### Tariff Revision.

Many Democratic, some Independent and a scattering few Republican newspapers over the country are insisting that the Republican party in its next platform declare for tariff revision. In the meantime Uncle Mark Hanna and his associate standpatters just laugh. It is pretty safe to assume that if the Republican platform